

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Improper disposal of household hazardous waste poses a danger to our environment, especially our natural waterways. The City of Memphis Stormwater Program encourages all residents to take these wastes to the Memphis and Shelby County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. The facility is located at 6305 Haley Road and is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Many everyday household products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides contain potentially hazardous ingredients. These wastes can be corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive. They must be disposed of properly and not poured down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or placed in your trash receptacle. Improper disposal poses a threat to human health, pets and our environment.

In addition, improperly stored or disposed wastes can wash into drain inlets during storm events. Stormwater, carrying these chemicals, flows from the inlets through the drainage system and discharges into the Loosahatchie River, Wolf River, and Nonconnah Creek. These in turn carry the water to the Mississippi River and McKellar Lake. Household hazardous wastes transported by the storm water pose a threat to fish and other aquatic life in these water bodies.

The Storm Water Program encourages proper waste disposal to keep pollution out of our lakes and streams. So please, take your household hazardous waste to the City facility for proper disposal. The facility accepts most household wastes such as gasoline, paint, rechargeable batteries and lawn chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable wastes and directions, please contact the Mayor's Citizen Service Center by calling 311 or visit the Collection Facility website at:

http://www.memphistn.gov/Government/PublicWorks/SolidWasteManagem ent/HouseholdHazardousWasteCollectionFacility.aspx)

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